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SUBJECT: ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATION OVER THE LAINO CASE.

1. A CROWD ESTIMATED BETWEEN 200 AND 300 COLORADO, PRO-GOVERNMENT STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED BEFORE THE EMBASSY IN THE EARLY EVENING OF JULY 11. THE STUDENTS CHANGED ANTI-US SLOGANS WHICH PROTESTED US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND US-EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR JAILED OPPOSITION LEADER DOMINGO LAINO. THE STUDENTS ARRIVED IN BUSES AND WERE SMOOTHLY SUPERVISED BY A SUBSTANTIAL CONTINGENT OF PLAIN CLOTHES SECURITY POLICE.

2. THE PLACARDS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED LEGENDS SUCH AS: "DEMOCRACY SI, COMMUNISM NO," "STROESSNER SI, WHITE NO," "MACHIN MACHO?" AND EVEN THE TIRED "YANKEE GO HOME." THE SPEECHES AND ATTITUDE OF THE "STUDENT" LEADERS SUGGESTED DEEP HOSTILITY BUT THERE WAS LITTLE SPONTANEITY OR EMOTION BUBBLING UP FROM THE CROWD.

3. THE AMBASSADOR AND A FEW EMBASSY OFFICERS CAME CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE SEEN BY THE DEMONSTRATORS. THE LEADERS SURGED TOWARD THE FENCE YELLING, PHOTOGRAPHERS TOOK PICTURES, THE STUDENTS SANG THE NATIONAL ANTHEM, CLIMBED INTO THE BUSES AND DISPERSED. THE DEMONSTRATION LASTED JUST UNDER ONE HOUR. THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE.

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4. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST DEMONSTRATION IN PARAGUAY SINCE 1969 WHEN DOMINGO LAINO LED A LARGE GROUP OF STUDENTS AGAINST THE ROCKEFELLER VISIT. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT RELEASE LAINO YET BECAUSE HE STILL SHOWS THE EFFECTS OF TORTURE. PRESUMABLY THE DEMONSTRATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM LAINO AND FOCUS ON AMERICAN "INTERVENTION". IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE GOVERNMENT COMPOUNDS ITS ERRORS EVERY TIME IT TRIES TO

IMPROVE OR CHANGE THE SITUATION. PARAGUAYANS AS A PEOPLE ADMIRE
THE US AND THIS GOVERNMENT PROMOTED DEMONSTRATION WILL, WE BELIEVE,
CAUSE MANY LEADERS BOTH IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT TO QUESTION WHERE
THE STORESSNER REGIME IS TAKING THEM. THE EMBASSY HAS MADE NO
COMMENTS ON THE LAINO CASE AND THE EVENTS FLOWING FROM IT SINCE
OUR ONE EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ON JULY 7. THE DAY OF THE KIDNAPPING.
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